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SUBJECT: VENUE OF MARCH 10 ARAB OIL MEETING CHANGED

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD US SHORTLY AFTER NOON
TODAY (1000 GMT) THAT THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED WORD
LIBYAN PREMIER QADDAFI HAD CANCELLED TRIPOLI OIL MEETING.
QADDAFI SAID NOW WAS NOT THE TIME TO LIFT THE BOYCOTT ON THE
U.S. AND TRIPOLI WAS NOT THE PLACE TO DISCUSS IT.

2. THE ARAB OIL MINISTERS WILL MEET, HOWEVER, ON
MARCH 10 AS SCHEDULED, PROBABLY IN KUWAIT. THE MEETING WILL
NOW NOT BE GRACED BY THE LIBYAN PRESENCE AND IRAQ WILL VERY
LIKELY OPPOSED ANY EASING OF THE BOYCOTT. THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY HOPED THAT ALL OTHER MINISTERS WOULD AGREE
WITH THE SAUDI POSITION THAT CONTINUATION OF THE BOYCOTT
IS NO LONGER IN THE ARAB INTEREST.

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